

## B. C. Exhibits Are Very Successful

Reports received recently by Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, from the Provincial exhibition commission at San Francisco state that the British Columbia exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is attracting much attention and that the Province has every reason to be proud of it.

The British Columbia exhibits are being shown in the Canadian Railway building, which, since the opening of the fair, has proved to be the most attractive small building on the exhibition grounds. From morning until night the structure is thronged with people, and as a publicity medium it is accomplishing a wonderful amount of good for the Province. Keen inquiries are being made by visitors as to the various conditions to be met here and other matters in connection with the exhibitions.

The principal exhibits from British Columbia include specimens of fruit, fish, timber and minerals.

There is a magnificent display of fruit—fresh, cold storage and bottled. Every grade is in excellent condition, and both in appearance and general characteristics this exhibit is attracting exceptional notice.

The fishery exhibit is very complete in that practically every variety of edible fish known in the Province is represented. The many specimens are handsomely mounted and appear attractive.

There is a very complete representation of British Columbia lumber in the timber exhibition, which not only depicts every species of commercial wood found in the Province, but also shows the various grades prepared for paneling and moulding and for other uses, which gives the visitor an impression of the value and many uses for British Columbia timber.

The mineral display represents all the most important minerals of commerce, and forms a very complete collection.

During the evenings lectures are being given, illustrated by the cinematograph, depicting all the leading industries of British Columbia and giving a number of views relative to agriculture, fishing, lumbering and mining which are most instructive and which are attracting large audiences.

## C. A. Gaskill Chosen as Liberal Candidate for Ft. George District

At the Liberal Convention held at Prince George Monday evening, Mr. C. A. Gaskill, manager of the Fort George and Alberta Telephone & Electric Co., Ltd., received the nomination to contest the newly formed Fort George riding for the Liberal cause.

Delegates were present from South Fort George, Prince George and Fort George, while Nechaco, Chilco and Vanderhoof were represented by proxy.

### Lincoln Beachy Has Fatal Fall Into Ocean

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—Lincoln Beachy, the famous aviator, was killed while making an exhibition flight at the Panama-Pacific exposition yesterday. At an altitude of about 7,000 feet Beachy began a spiral descent. The wings of his aeroplane collapsed and the machine plunged into San Francisco bay. It is said the aviator sustained no material injury from the fall except a broken leg, but was drowned owing to his body being strapped to the machine.

## Conservatives Hold Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the South Fort George Conservative Association was held at Burch's Hall, South Fort George, Friday evening, March 12th. Reports of the officers showed the association in a healthy state and ready to go to the polls at the coming election with confidence.

The outgoing president, Neil Gething, was succeeded by Capt. Foster for the ensuing year, and W. G. Fraser was elected secretary, to succeed D. F. M. Perkins, who resigned last September on receiving the Dominion appointment as Fish Commissioner.

The new officers for 1915 are: Honorary Presidents, Sir Robert Borden and Sir Richard McBride.

President, Capt. D. A. Foster. Vice-President, Russel Peden. Secretary-Treasurer, Wm. G. Fraser.

Executive Committee: Albert Johnson, A. J. S. Willson, Neil Gething, A. K. Boucher, George McLaughlin, A. G. Hamilton, F. W. Crawford, Wm. Blair, Wm. Thorne.

## Effort of Government to Discontinue Mail Service Between Quesnel and Here

The people of the district were surprised a few days ago on the arrival of Postal Inspector Clark from Vancouver, that an order had been given, and rescinded until further notice, to stop the carriage of mail between the Georges and Quesnel. Inspector Clark was sent in to investigate and report to Ottawa.

What can Ottawa and the Post Office authorities be thinking of to suggest such a move at this time? One of the most important mail routes of the district is thus without so much as a word or sign of notice to be stopped. And for what purpose? Has not the Fort George-Prince George district enough obstacles to deal with that the government should put up another? The large and growing trade with Quesnel, Barkerville, and Soda Creek, the Cariboo Road from this district is to be handicapped by a round about mail route to Edmonton, to Calgary, to Ashcroft and thence up the Cariboo to Quesnel.

Boat service will shortly be resumed between this district and the down-river points, Quesnel and Soda Creek and nearby points will secure their foodstuffs, and general merchandise over the Grand Trunk to this point, and thence by steamer south. The business men of this district expect to continue the building up of their trade from this point south, and now the government, no doubt, under the suggestion of some subordinate who has no interest in the district or appreciates the value of every possible avenue of communication of which there are precious few and ever has been, comes along to put a handicap on their efforts.

This mail service should be continued until the opening of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and all possible pressure will be brought to bear on the Government not to carry this order into effect. Is Government for and by the people, OR IS IT NOT?

## SOCIALISTS' MEETINGS.

John McInnis, the Socialist Candidate for member Provincial Parliament, spoke to large and interested audiences at the Dreamland Theatre, Prince George, Tuesday night, and at Burch's Hall, South Fort George, Wednesday night.

## Allies Make Stupendous Preparations For Renewed Attack in Northern France

London, March 18.—Heavily censored despatch from Paris tells of magnitude of preparations under way by Allies preparatory to big advance. Greatest quantity of munitions of war ever assembled has been gathered together in Northern France. These will be transported to the front by railroads, the carrying capacity of which has been increased by laying additional tracks along every line radiating towards front, as well as by thousands of motor vehicles of every kind which have been gathered for the purpose.

In addition to England's present army of over one million which has been moving across channel for two months, France has a million soldiers splendidly equipped and ready to take field at a minute's notice. These men have been in training during the winter months.

The artillery brigades are being augmented and thousands of new guns are posted at convenient positions for immediate use.

## Borden, too, May Appeal to Electors

Ottawa.—Among Conservative members the idea prevails that there will be an election. Liberal members expect that there will be, and the ministers are saying nothing.

Both sides seem satisfied. Conservatives are declaring that the want of confidence motion justifies an appeal to the people. They claim that the truce has been formally and officially broken.

Both parties appear to be cheerful over the prospect of an appeal to the country.

The government is waiting to hear from the country in regard to the Laurier amendment to the budget and Sir Wilfrid's speech. Hon. Mr. Cochrane and Hon. Mr. Rogers are keeping a very close watch upon the country and are receiving reports from agents in all the provinces.

## German Cruiser Dresden Sunk

The British admiralty announces that on March 14, at 9 a.m., a British squadron sank the Dresden near Juan Fernandez Island.

The squadron, composed of the Glasgow, Orama and Kent engaged with the sea rover in an action lasting five minutes, after which the Dresden hauled down her colors and displayed the white flag. She was much damaged and set on fire, and after she had been burning for some time, her magazine exploded and she sank.

The crew was saved, fifteen badly wounded. The Germans were landed at Valparaiso.

There were no British casualties and no damage to the ships. The Dresden had eluded the British and Japanese cruisers since the naval battle off Falkland Islands, in which she took part. She was a third class cruiser, built at Hamburg in 1907.

### Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Dead

New York.—Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller died at her country home at Tarrytown, N. Y., early last Friday morning. While Mrs. Rockefeller has been an invalid for many months, it is understood that her death came unexpectedly. Her husband and her son were at Ormond, Florida, at the time of her death.

### Was Chased by Submarines

London.—The Camronia of the Anchor Line which arrived at Liverpool from New York, March 15th, with cargo valued at \$5,000,000, Saturday ran German submarine blockade. The vessel reports that she was chased by three German submarines on her voyage.

The easiest thing in the world to make is a mistake. The next easiest is trouble.

## Provincial Election Deferred

The intricate task of preparing new voters' lists to comply with the new Redistribution measure—which increases the membership from forty-two to forty-seven, besides subdividing a number of constituencies—imposed upon the Provincial Government the obligation to postpone the date of the general election beyond the time which had been tentatively set, April 10th. In due course the new date will be made public. Fortunately, the order-in-council dissolving the Legislature had not yet been signed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, when this matter was directed to the attention of the authorities by the King's Printer and other election officials, so that the status quo prior to the prorogation of the House is preserved.

Sir Richard McBride, in making this announcement, made it clear that the alteration in the plan of action for an appeal to the people was due solely and entirely to the necessity of meeting a new situation which had developed as a result of the enactment of the Redistribution Bill. The Government's inability to promptly get proclamations and accurate voters' lists in the hands of authorized agents in the outlying districts, as well as the large amount of additional work imposed upon the printing staff, made it imperative that the date for polling be deferred.

## Conservatives Elect Delegates to Provincial Convention

At a largely attended meeting of the Conservative Association of South Fort George, held Thursday evening at Burch's Hall, the following delegates were elected to the Convention to be held at Prince George March 25th to nominate a candidate to contest the Conservative seat for member of the Provincial Parliament; South Fort George being entitled to 20 delegates: Messrs. W. Blair, Brewster, Crozier, Griffin, Hancock, A. G. Hamilton, Loyal, N. Montgomery, McElroy, Norris, Quinn, Regan, J. Shaw, Thorne, A. J. S. Willson, H. Wilson, C. Dunn, Wesley, Fraser, Al. Johnson. The alternates elected to fill vacancies were: Moffatt, Crowell, Finlaison, Craig, Boucher.

Among other matters of interest to the district the Association put itself on record as favoring the continuance of the mail service between Quesnel and Prince George-South Fort George and will take the necessary action to insure the retention of the service until the completion of the P. G. E. Ry. by communicating the wish of the people to the Government at Ottawa through proper channels.

## L. D. Taylor Re-elected Mayor of Vancouver

By an increased majority of 2300, L. D. Taylor was re-elected mayor of Vancouver in the municipal elections last Saturday. At the former election his majority was 600. Mr. Taylor after the election in January was declared by the courts ineligible for office and was forced to correct the technicality and again go to the people.

### Another Sweeping Reform for Russia

New York.—An officer of the emperor's household, in a letter to a friend in this city, writes that the second wide-sweeping reform to be effected in Russia will be compulsory education. The letter states that M. Kasso, minister of instruction and religion, is formulating a decree to be issued on the termination of the present hostilities and to be in full effect throughout the empire after a period of five years. It is generally believed that the local government bodies will welcome the new movement in education and give it financial support.

## SPRING IS HERE --- CLEAN UP, CULTIVATE YOUR GARDENS.

Mr. Avison the Government Health Inspector, made his annual rounds this week with notices to the effect that Spring had arrived and that it was time to clean-up. We submit that his visit was timely. The vacant lots about town are an unsightly mess, many of them left so by the late squatters or owners who have moved their buildings to Prince George or elsewhere.

There will be no difficulty in getting the people of South Fort George who are to stand by and continue to live here, cleaning-up and cultivating their garden spots but we think the government would do well to call upon lot owners and others who have left all kinds of rubbish, tin cans, etc. to look to these spots at once. And again it has been suggested that the Government Health Officer would be doing splendid work to employ helpers to go about and clean up those lots where owners or tenants are not. Such a campaign would very much improve and beautify the town.

The government also might be asked to allow townspeople to cultivate these vacant lots not sold. They will not be wanted for a long time to come and in these days when the National and Provincial Governments are urging the people to increase the products of the soil, what better use could these lots be put to. All the people want, is the privilege to do the cleaning-up and cultivating, and the government could do not less than permit them to do so. In many cities of the North American Continent, as well as in Europe, this custom prevails, and the net results of profit and benefit to the public untold.

This year as never before the necessity of raising small vegetables and thus reduce the cost of living and at the same time assist the Empire in her great struggle is imperative and every one should join the movement from government to the smallest garden in town.

### IS GERMAN SQUADRON COMING OUT?

Geneva.—Information comes from Kiel to the effect that all German dreadnoughts in harbor and Canal are undergoing steam and screw trials in order to test fully the boilers and machinery, while their crews are being carefully drilled.

## Dunn's Trade Review In Canada.

Conditions in business are very much mixed. Total transactions are still below those of recent years. There is a large attendance of retail distributors in the textile markets and they buy often but as a rule in comparatively small lots for immediate needs, and keep their stocks low.

MERCHANTS PURSUING A WAITING POLICY, THOUGH INDICATIONS ARE SLIGHTLY MORE FAVORABLE.

The wholesale millinery openings this week were fairly attended and the selections of country buyers were pretty well maintained in volume, but buying on the part of city milliners was moderate in extent and largely confined to low-priced goods. In general dry goods, travelers' orders reach a fair aggregate. There is a tremendous demand for woolen yarns from all parts of the country which cannot be kept up with.

The feeling, on the whole, is good, but there is room for much more activity. Of course, many factories are busy on war material and the like, but salesmen and middlemen can be dispensed with in such business.

Prospects are for an early spring, which will be of much benefit to agriculturists and likewise to the country generally. Remittances are not up to the mark, but the liquidation of loans that has been going on for months has placed the banks in an unusually strong position. The wholesale dry goods business is showing some improvement, but the grocery trade has been less active. Prices of grain have been reactionary and exporters have manifested considerable indifference.

Wholesale lumber dealers report a fair volume of sales at country retail yards and there has been more activity in farmers hardware and small implements. Export trade to the United States from Winnipeg showed over 100 per cent. increase for 1914, compared with 1913. These exports included 104,000 head of hogs and considerable shipments of beef, fresh fish, poultry and eggs. Imports of corn for feed promise to be an item of some importance this year. Mercantile interest rates and interest charges for loanable funds in general show no important changes.

Seeding will be general in a few weeks. Year after year the "Best season ever" is prophesied and judging from prevailing conditions, we are fully justified in forecasting a "banner year" for 1915. Weather conditions since last harvest have been of the best. A good supply of moisture late in the fall, a steady winter with plenty of snow and little or no wind to lay the ground bare, insures against drought until late in the summer. The acreage under cultivation will show a substantial increase.

Vancouver.—General business conditions are reported to be showing slight improvement, especially in wholesale groceries and produce. With the opening of spring, country merchants are disposed to buy somewhat more freely, and while the tendency to restrict credits is still in evidence some liquidation of winter liabilities has taken place and wholesalers are more disposed to forward supplies. The returns of the port of Vancouver show that shipping is increasing. Collections are fair.

### ZEPPELIN DROPS BOMBS ON CALAIS

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## THE ELECTIONS.

In the midst of the greatest war the world has ever known, causing wide spread suffering, and ruin among not only the combatant nations but neutral peoples as well — when business and trade generally is thoroughly disorganized — initiative and progress at a standstill, developments in the political arena of Canada have suddenly projected themselves upon the people, and for three or four months questions of state will occupy the thoughts and actions of the electorate.

In British Columbia, elections to the next Provincial Parliaments have been called.

Next will come to this section locally the election of officers, to serve the new municipality of Prince George, in May.

In June it is expected will come Dominion Elections for members to the National Parliament.

All together the people of Canada are having troubles of their own. Never before have world wide conditions effected a country's future to such an extent. However, the feeling of that Great Future permeates the country, despite the present disturbed state, and in consequence boldness of action and immense plans continue to occupy the minds of the people despite all impediments. Courage, farsightedness, faith and hope will not be turned aside.

At this juncture the British Columbia Government has thought it the part of wisdom to consult the people about various questions effecting this province. In consequence the people are suddenly plunged in the midst of political meetings and conventions to nominate candidates for the next Provincial Parliament. These elections were scheduled to be held April 10th, but at the present some doubt exists as to the correct date. Meantime the opposition to the present Government is working overtime in its attempt to manufacture sentiment hostile to the Conservative party and for the catching of votes for their candidates, while yet others falter in their loyalty to Conservative leanings.

It is therefore time to carefully consider conditions. In the Provincial elections shortly to be held it would seem as if it were simply the desire of those on the outside to get in, and to put the "ins" out. It is difficult to see what benefit the people as a whole are to gain by a change from Conservative to Liberal or to a combination of Liberal and Socialist which would probably happen if there should be an overwhelming change of sentiment from Conservative principles. The people would do well to think as to whether an untried party put into power at this time would bring about better or worse results than the present rule trained by years of service, and moreover in the midst of plans which when completed will without doubt produce means of development of the natural resources of the Province second to none in the United Provinces of Canada.

It must be remembered that British Columbia is in its beginnings

and that man's honesty of action and purpose is too common and irresponsible for sane minds to give much credence. Anybody can sit in the bleachers and criticise the game going on on the diamond but let the critic get down and remedy the so-called error, or do better than the actor he hammers, and he slinks into cover or fails at the attempt to outshine the object of ridicule.

The people would do well to remember this—that before discharging a servant for incapacity or suspicion of wrong doing or error of judgment, be sure that he can be replaced with not less than 10 per cent or more better than what you have. Anything less is neither good business or justice either to yourself or the servant you discharge, but wasteful, and containing a menace to what has been accomplished and now under way.

The Herald believes that it is up to the people to correct any mistakes that have been made, not by turning out the present Government as a whole, but by nominating and electing the best men of conservative principles from their midst, and if necessary, to replace any weak parts in the present fabric. If house cleaning is necessary the housewife never throws all the contents of her house into the discard, she simply replaces the worn-out portions and thus renews the old to better service. We would also remind those who are prone to throw stones, that nothing is ever quite as bad as it is painted. Humanity to its shame is ever picking at the mistakes and errors imaginary or real, but never a word is spoken of the good that is done.

## Patriotism and Production.

Patriotism without production is an empty sound. If ever there was a time when by your deeds you are required to be known, it is now. In entering upon the campaign in which it is now engaged, the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion has entered upon a task that should do untold good. It is not that our farmers needed altogether to be prompted to benefit themselves, but that perhaps some of them do not entirely recognise the seriousness of the present and the more than probable critical conditions of the future. If the war were to end tomorrow, there would still be need for every effort in productiveness, for many years must elapse before the devastation that has been caused can be remedied or repaired. Unhappily, the probabilities are that the giant conflict will continue for many months yet, in which case the mind of man cannot fathom or foresee the damage that will have been done to every form of industry. To agriculture in particular, by the waste of life, by the wrecking of property and by the spreading of desolation. It is in repairing the damage others cause, that the farmers are called upon to aid. It is their mother country that cries to them.

The Agricultural Department is not alone holding conferences at many points in the country, but it is engaged in distributing large quantities of literature telling how the farmer can best serve the interests of the empire, display his grateful sense of patriotism and bring profit to himself. In brief and explicit language, that all who run may read and understand, is pointed out the needs of the situation and how those needs can be met. Above all, the advice is given to avoid waste. Everything can be utilized. Nothing need be thrown away as valueless. The economy of production is in saving. The wisest can learn something by reading, and in the bulletins and reports prepared and written by experts and men of practical science, farmers will find hints, suggestions and information of the greatest possible value at this season, and such as will advantage both their land and themselves for all time. They will also aid them in that duty to the empire which is such an instant importance that to shirk it is to be criminal. Copies of the publication of the Department can be had upon addressing Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. No postage is required on the application.

## Good Roads Convention

More than 2000 delegates from every province in Canada will gather in Toronto on the 22nd to 26th of this month to attend the second annual Canadian and International Good Roads Convention. Good roads' boosters from every large city and hundreds of small counties will attend to discuss the ways and means for improving the thoroughfares of the Dominion, and for expending most usefully the millions of dollars which will go into the construction and maintenance of highways in this country during 1915.

The eastern provinces will, of course, have greater representations than the west.

So far, Quebec probably leads in the good roads movement, having spent within the last few years the magnificent sum of \$10,000,000 on road construction and maintenance, and having just now appropriated another \$10,000,000 for the same purpose.

Every phase of road construction and maintenance will be discussed at the convention in papers by international experts, and shown on the screen in moving pictures. A sample of standard roadway will be built outside Convocation Hall, where the meetings will be held.

The subject of a transcontinental highway through Canada may come up for consideration, and it is likely that active steps will be taken toward making a start on

this epochal project. The Ontario portion of the highway is already under way, several sections being under construction.

Subjects at this second annual convention will be of an especially practical nature, since it has been taken for granted that no sensible person now disputes the necessity for having the best roads within a municipality's means. The discussions will take up such topics as finance, road location, traffic, sub-grade, road foundations, drainage, wearing surface, concrete roads, brick pavements, bituminous roads, dust prevention, bridges, culverts, road maintenance, road machinery, wooden blocks, earth gravel and macadam roads.

Among the materials of road building and upkeep which will be exhibited are wood blocks, bitumin, road oils, brick, cement, concrete reinforcements, rocmac, road rollers, (weighing twelve and a half tons), graders, scrapers, mixers, cement-post making machinery, and every known variety of material or machinery in use today, several never before seen in Canada.

G. A. McNamee, secretary-treasurer of the convention, and W. H. Leach, superintendent of exhibits, have opened offices in Toronto at the King Edward Hotel.

One can't always judge a man's importance by the angle at which he wears his hat.

Try to do your duty and you at once know what is in you.

## Motors Speed on Top of Building

It sounds like an Arabian Knight's adventure up-to-date to tell of automobiles speeding along the top of a four-story building, yet that is just what scores of visitors at the recent Montreal Motor Show saw. A trial track or speedway was located on the roof of the show building, and it was an innovation the management was able to offer the public because of the fact that the show was held in the Montreal branch building of the Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited.

The Ford building was turned over entirely to the exhibitors and lent itself admirably to the purposes of a motor show. The track on the roof is of concrete and was used for outdoor demonstrations. When a visitor expressed a desire to experience the riding qualities of a car and to see the machine in operation, car, visitor and chauffeur were whisked to the roof in a specially constructed lift. The party was then given a ride around the aerial concrete track and was able to see a complete test and demonstration. This feature was certainly unique for a motor show.

The Montreal Ford branch is also an assembling plant to which the separate parts are shipped from the factory at Ford, Ontario, to be put together after their arrival. Hence the concrete track

was built on top for testing out the assembled cars.

Montreal's show will go down in history as one of the most successful ever held in Canada, attendance, enthusiasm and practical results combining to make it a record breaker. The building was splendidly decorated with flags of the Allies, and being modern in every respect, it assumed a very handsome appearance.

## Prince Rupert Liberals Nominate Candidates.

Prince Rupert.—T. D. Pattullo of Prince Rupert, received the nomination for member of Provincial Parliament, at the Convention held here March 11th.

Capt. Fred Stork will receive the Dominion nomination.

A. M. Manson was tendered nomination for the new Omineca district and accepted.

F. Mobley received the liberal nomination of the Atlin district.

Joseph Martin Makes His Bow as Newspaper Man.

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And many of them have learned facts that astound them. They have learned that in an area almost equal to the United States and Alaska, Europe has twenty-six countries and that only one of these countries, Russia, is larger than the state of Texas; that nine are larger and seventeen smaller than Illinois; that several have less population than Cook County, Illinois.

If the members of the class have looked up the statistics of population, they will have found that although many of the countries of Europe are densely populated, because of their small area, some of them have about the population of single states in the United States. Of the strenuous Balkan states, which a few years ago humbled Turkey, only Roumania has more people than Illinois. Roumania has about 7,200,000 people, Illinois 5,638,591. Bulgaria has about 4,300,000 people, Greece only 2,600,000, Servia 2,900,000, and Montenegro but 250,000.

Illinois has almost as many people as Sweden, Portugal, the Netherlands, or Belgium. It exceeds in population Switzerland, Denmark or Norway. Luxembourg has but 259,000 people, less than the number on the north side of Chicago, and only a fourth of the number on the west side. A number of wards in Chicago have more people than

of Chicago has more people than Greece or Norway. Five countries the size of Belgium could be put in Illinois, almost four the size of Denmark, about eight the size of Montenegro, almost four the size of Switzerland, and almost five the size of the Netherlands.

Russia is the only country comparable in size with the United States and it has a greater area than the combined areas of the other twenty-five countries. If placed in United States, it would occupy all the land west of the Mississippi to the Pacific except Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. The British Isles would equal in territory New England, New York, and two-thirds of New Jersey. Belgium could be placed in the southwest and Holland in the northeast quarters of Pennsylvania. France covers an area equal to the United States from Pennsylvania to South Carolina. Switzerland could be contained in the western third of Virginia, and Italy would cover half of Alabama and Georgia and all of Florida. Denmark equals little more than the northern peninsula of Michigan; Germany equals about four states the size of Illinois, and Austria-Hungary is four times as large as Missouri. The six Balkan states could be placed in Texas and there would be much room left.

**IN THE LATITUDE OF CANADA**

It must be remembered in making these comparisons that many of the countries of Europe would not fall within the United States at all if they were moved in a direct line across the ocean, for the great nations of Europe have developed their industries, cities and great populations not in the latitude of the United States so much as in the latitude of Canada. To bring the warring nations within the area of the U.S. the various cities and countries must be shoved south a distance of approximately 700 miles.

If Canada had centred under one government the peoples, industries and resources of Europe lying north of the forty-ninth parallel of Europe, she would stand far ahead of any other country of the western hemisphere. She would then boast of a population of 250,000,000, occupying the greatest industrial area of the earth; for in Europe north of the forty-ninth parallel we find all of the British Isles, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, nine-tenths of Germany, an equal portion of Russia, and the northern strip of Austria Hungary, and France from Paris to its northern boundary.

Along the sixtieth parallel we find three great national capitals—Christiania with 240,000, Stockholm with 346,000, and Petrograd with 2,000,000. Moved westward to the American continent, Christiania would rest on Ft. Churchill on the west shore of Hudson Bay; Stockholm would be in the middle of the bay, and Petrograd would lie on the east shore near the northern part of the peninsula of Labrador.

London, the Hague, Brussels, and Berlin similarly transplanted would follow close to the fifty-second parallel; London would be in Manitoba, 100 miles north of Winnipeg; The Hague and Brussels in the centre of Ontario, and Berlin on the Albany river, 200 miles north of the northwest point of Lake Superior. Paris alone would be in United States territory, for it would be situated near the northern boundary of Minnesota.

**1,035,326 Attended Fair in Two Weeks**

San Francisco.—The total attendance at the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the first two weeks is officially announced as 1,035,326. The first week's attendance was 620,000, the second, 410,000.

**on Hand in Canada.**

Ottawa.—The department of trade and commerce has completed an estimate of the wheat now in Canada and the country's requirements until the next crop. On February 8th there was 79,130,593 bushels of wheat in Canada, of which 37,004,700 was in elevators and mills, 12,571,876 in transit in cars and 29,554,000 in the hands of the farmers. Seed requirements amount to 19,250,000 bushels, and food requirements until the next crop 25,000,000 bushels, leaving for export 34,880,576 bushels.

Since that date there has been imported 36,370 bushels and exported 6,741,000 bushels, leaving now for export about 28,175,000 bushels in round figures.

**WILLIE'S IMPRESSION.**

"Mamma," said Willie thoughtfully, "where do they keep the bear down in our church?"

"The bear, dear child?" asked Willie's mother, with a wondering expression. "What bear? Who ever told you such a ridiculous thing as that?"

"Nobody told me," was the reply; "but every time I go to church they sing something about the 'consecrated cross-eyed bear.'"

"Sir, your daughter has promised to become my wife."

"Well, don't come to me for sympathy; you might know something would happen to you, hanging around here five nights in the week."

**A VALUABLE BULLETIN.**

"Swine Husbandry in Canada" is the title of Bulletin No. 17 of the live stock branch of the department of agriculture, Ottawa. This publication describes the bacon hog and also discusses his breeding and rearing.

The breeds of swine reared in Canada are described and a history of each is given. An interesting section is devoted to the production of pork on Canadian farms. The information was evidently secured from practical farmers in cheese factory and in creamery districts, and in sections where hogs are raised without dairy by-products.

**Boost For Rupert.**

Ottawa.—An order-in-council has been passed and signed which permits all foreign bottoms to sell fish in Prince Rupert or other British Columbia ports to Canadian fish dealers, who must assume the bonding regulations. Boats may purchase all supplies and ship crews at Prince Rupert.

Seventy million pounds of halibut were caught in the North Pacific last year, of which fifty millions went through Seattle.

It is estimated this order-in-council will increase the Prince Rupert payroll \$250,000 monthly. The Seattle fishing fleet will move to Prince Rupert.

**Alaska Terminal Not Yet Selected.**

Washington.—Contrary to the many wild rumors and press agent stories, there has been no decision yet made regarding the terminus of the Alaska railroad. One rumor printed in several cities recently was that Ship Creek had been selected.

Ship Creek is a possibility as a temporary terminal for this year's work to the Matanuska fields. This does not necessarily mean that Ship Creek will be the permanent terminal and even its selection as a temporary terminal pending the decision of the president is uncertain. Interested parties in New York are busy circulating rumors to their advantage.

The only certain point in the whole terminal matter is that no decision has yet been made.

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The transfer of the Turkish capital and of the Sultan's harem from Constantinople to Broussa (also written Brussa) in Asia Minor and the removal of all important relics and historic treasures to that city with the Sultan Mohammed V. has revived the historic significance of Broussa as the burial place of the first two Turkish Sultans, Osman and Orkhan. They were interred in the circular church of St. Elias, which was destroyed by fire and earthquake and subsequently rebuilt as the Green Mosque by Ahmed Vefyl Pasha. An American mission and British orphanage are located in the town. The principal industry is silk spinning its silk exports being valued at many millions annually. It also has manufactures of silk stuffs, towels, burnus, carpets, felt, and prayer carpets embroidered in silk and gold. Hot iron and sulphur springs located near the city are well patronized.

### Will Jail Farmers Who will not Produce

Venice.—The appeal issued to farmers by the Austrian minister of agriculture in which he urged them not to leave a single plot of ground anywhere uncultivated has now been followed by a peremptory decree by the Austrian government, ordering landowners to sow immediately every available part of their ground with spring wheat. Where necessary, local authorities are empowered by the decree to provide labor for this work and to recover from the sale of crops the expenditures incurred.

Failure to comply with the edict is punishable by heavy fines or imprisonment.

On two occasions this month have been the scene of the most successful and enjoyable receptions of the winter season. On Saturday evening, March 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson gathered about them fifty of their friends and filled the parlors to overflowing in honor of their guest, Mrs. W. S. Dixon, of Vancouver. Six tables of "Auction Bridge" and five of "Five Hundred" were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. Mrs. Dunn, Lester Walker, Frank O'Flaherty and Mr. Montgomery of the Royal Bank won the "Bridge" prizes, while Mrs. Moffit, Mr. P. Campbell and Mr. Wm. Cooke carried off the "500" prizes.

A splendid luncheon was served at midnight, after which many of the guests — loth to break up and leave too soon the pleasant memory of the evening their hosts had provided — settled down to a post contest of several additional rubbers of Bridge.

The party given last Saturday evening was in the nature of a surprise to Mrs. Albert Johnson on her birthday. Various card games were enjoyed, the Bridge contest being remarkably close in scores. The guests voted a very pleasant evening and extended to Mrs. Johnson their best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

Mrs. Albert Johnson accompanied by her cousin, Mrs. W. S. Dickson, left by Thursday's train for Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver.

Mrs. F. O'Flaherty entertained at tea Tuesday afternoon, in honor of her mother, Mrs. W. S. Dickson, who returned to Vancouver on Thursday.

Mrs. Geo. McLaughlin entertained a large number of her friends on Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Peters of Edmonton, and Mrs. W. S. Dickson of Vancouver. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

Miss B. A. Fry, Graduate Nurse, is now disengaged. She is staying at Mrs. H. O. Williamson's, South Fort George. Phone 37.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson entertained at dinner and bridge, a party of friends Wednesday evening.

Mrs. T. W. Herne gave a bridge party, Wednesday afternoon at the Government House.

Judge Calder, of Ashcroft, arrived at the Hotel Northern, Wednesday evening, coming via Edmonton, to hold a term of Court commencing Thursday.

REGAN - EMES.  
A very pretty wedding took place in the Catholic Church, Stayner, Ontario, on February 10th, when Mr. Thomas Albert Regan, of South Fort George, B. C., and son of Mr. Thomas Regan, South Orillia, was married to Miss Elizabeth Emes, of Stayner. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Brien. A sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride before the happy couple left on their wedding tour. They will visit Cincinnati and Chicago before returning to the west, where they will take up their residence at South Fort George. The bridal couple are very popular as was evidenced by the large number of handsome wedding presents which they received.

Registrar of Voters For Fort George District  
T. W. Herne, Government Agent at South Fort George, has been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor as Registrar of Voters for the new electoral district of Fort George.

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Ottawa.—There have been 48,630 applications for seed grain from the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. The following quantities are required, according to a return laid on the table of the commons: 3,209,580 bushels of oats; 3,306,840 bushels of wheat and 46,000 bushels of barley. The land for which seed is asked is 3,473,456 acres.

The government has on hand to meet the applications the following: 2,812,000 bushels of wheat; 2,766,000 bushels of oats, and 38,000 bushels of barley.

The provincial governments are passing legislation to ratify the agreement to protect the security which the federal government is taking.

Canada's part in any Empire-wide scheme for naval defence is ably discussed in the March number of McLean's Magazine in an article from the pen of Sir Richard McBride, who responded to a request from the editor for an expression of his views. Sir Richard makes it clear that public opinion throughout the Dominion is absolutely unanimous in the belief that the time has arrived when it is imperatively necessary that the aspirations of the whole of the people of the Dominions beyond the seas to play their part in the upkeep of an Imperial navy should assume concrete form.

The opening of the Dardanelles it is said will allow Russia to get badly needed supplies of military requirements. Russia's vast army is altogether out of proportion to the capacity of its ammunition factories, and the fighting along a five hundred mile front for six months must have exhausted the reserve stores. It is believable that the heavy losses they have sustained at times, the frequency with which they have had to rely on the bayonet, and the repeated withdrawals from Austria just when that country seemed on the verge of collapse, were due to scarcity of cartridges and shells.

While the appropriation of \$125,000, contained in the provincial estimates for the Cariboo, is far less than what could be profitably employed in opening up the section, considering the conditions of the country as a whole, with heavy expenditures necessary for war purposes the heavy work and development will have to wait better times which we hope is not long deferred.

#### FIRE AT CENTRAL FORT GEORGE

A fire on Third Ave., Ft. George Tuesday evening completely gutted the residence of Mr. Donnelly. The family were calling on some neighbors when the fire broke out, which when discovered, had made considerable headway. Practically everything in the house was ruined. It was only through the vigilant efforts of the fire brigade and the use of chemicals that the fire was got under control. L. McLean and family who live next door — only a few feet from the burning building — had a bad scare and took the precaution, with the aid of many willing helpers, to "move out" for the time being. Fortunately, their residence was unharmed. — The origin of the fire is unaccountable.

Dixie Moore of the B. C. Express returned from Vancouver and Ashcroft this week.

#### East-Bound Train Delayed 24 Hours

The train from Prince Rupert due at Prince George Thursday morning was 24 hours late and did not leave for the east until Friday morning. The recent warm weather has caused land slides, particularly in vicinity of Hazelton, holding back the train at several points.

Mrs. Matherson's Spring Opening in Art Millinery, last Monday, was decidedly a success.

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